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PORTION, AND TOOL FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING  
  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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